

JOE WARDY
MAYOR



CITY COUNCIL

SUSAN AUSTIN
DISTRICT NO. 1

ROBERT A. CUSHING, JR.
DISTRICT NO. 2

JOSE ALEXANDRO LOZANO
DISTRICT NO. 3

JOHN COOK
DISTRICT NO. 4

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DISTRICT NO. 5

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DISTRICT NO. 6

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DISTRICT NO. 7

ANTHONY W. COBOS
DISTRICT NO. 8

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JUNE 30, 2003
8:45 A.M.**

The City Council met at the above place and date at approximately 9:00 a.m. Mayor Joe Wardy present and presiding and the following Council Members answered roll call: Robert A. Cushing, Jr., John F. Cook, Vivian Rojas, and Anthony Cobos. Absent: Susan Austin and Paul J. Escobar. Late arrivals: Daniel S. Power and Jose Alexandro Lozano

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Mayor Joe Wardy explained or commented on the following:

- 1) Discussion on the Council Rules of Order.
- 2) Discussion on Council operations with the Mayor's Office.
- 3) Discussion on Mayor's Initiatives.
- 4) Discussion on any items posted on the City Council Agenda for July 1, 2003.

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Item 1:

Mayor Wardy requested information pertaining to the Council Rules of Order.

Representative Cobos was present and provided explanation.

Ms. Rita Rodriguez, City Attorney, was present and made additional comments.

Representatives Cook, Rojas, Cushing, and Power made comments.

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Item 2:

Mayor Wardy commented on the tremendous support his office had received regarding district initiatives, economic development, water policies, and streamlining city government. He commended Representative Power for his efforts to promote tourism in El Paso and Representative Cook for addressing issues regarding veteran retirees. He stated that he would appoint Representative Cushing to represent himself on the Fire and Policeman's Pension Fund Board. He expressed that he would like to maintain open dialogue with Council Members and requested that Council Members share their constituents' concerns/information with him. He explained that the Public Service Board ("PSB") meetings would be shown on the City's website via videostream and that the Council Members would be receiving PSB agendas and handouts.

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Item 3:

Mayor Wardy stated that he was working on creating a process regarding his initiatives and commented on the need to reinforce constructive criticism on all City issues.

Representatives Power, Cobos, Cook, and Lozano made additional comments.

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Item 4:

Mayor Wardy asked questions pertaining to items posted on the July 1, 2003 City Council Agenda

1. Resolution that the Mayor be authorized to sign a Third Amendment to the SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT by and between the CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS and APPRAISAL AND COLLECTION TECHNOLOGIES (ACT), the commercial software division of Linebarger Goggan Blair and Sampson L.L.P., to extend the Term of the Agreement, adjust the compensation accordingly, and to amend the Current Tax Statement Fees.

Mr. Juan Sandoval, Tax Assessor Collector, provided back-up information.

Representatives Cobos and Cook made additional comments.

Ms. Rita Rodriguez, City Attorney, commented on legal issues.

2. Request for provisional appointment in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.6-2, of the Civil Service Charter Provisions:

Director of Building Permits and Inspections (1)

Ms. Terry A. Bond, Director of Personnel, provided explanation.

3. An Ordinance providing for the issuance of City of El Paso, Texas, combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2003A, in the aggregate principal amount of \$14,500,000; levying a tax in payment thereof; awarding the sale thereof, approving the official statement; and enacting other provisions relating thereto.

Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy CAO of Financial and Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer, provided explanation.

Representatives Cook and Cobos added comments.

4. An Ordinance repealing Ordinance 14996, which created Tax Incremental Finance (TIF) District #2 by Representative Cobos, District #8; Representative Power, District #5; and Representative Sariñana, District #7.

Representatives Cook, Cobos, Rojas, Cushing, provided comments.

Ms. Rita Rodriguez, City Attorney, and Mr. Bill Chapman, Deputy CAO of Financial and Administrative Services/Chief Financial Officer, responded to Representatives' questions/comments.

No action is to be taken at these meetings, which are solely to facilitate open communication between the Mayor and Council.

In the event any item requires discussion in Executive Session, such discussion will be conducted in accordance with the procedures established by the Open Meetings law.

No other comments were forthcoming from the Mayor.

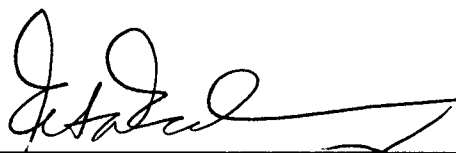
Motion made by Representative Cook, seconded by Representative Lozano and unanimously carried to adjourn this meeting at approximately 9:41 a.m.

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:



Richarda Duffy Momsen, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Rita Rodriguez, City Attorney